

## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In Re Application of )	APPEAL NO. 2003-1616	101-03
J. ERIC BERGE ET AL.	FOR: VACUUM PNEUMATIC SYSTEM FOR CONVEYANCE OF ICE	Leva
Serial No.: 09/364,794 )	1011001111100001100	Joseph M.
) Filed: July 30, 1999 )	Appealed from Group Art Unit 3653	•
)	Examiner: Jeffrey A. Shapiro	

## AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Examiner; Group Art Unit 3653

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Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination of this application is being submitted herewith, as is a request to withdraw the present application from appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, so that the application can be returned to the Examiner for consideration, inter alia, of newly identified prior art.

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Prior to the examiner's taking up this application for the continued examination, it is requested that the amendment presented herein be entered into the application and that the continued examination thereafter be conducted with respect to the new Claims 165-204 submitted herein.

A copy of the request to withdraw this application from appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's reference.

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